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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. helps Macedonian Municipality save \$5000 through Energy Efficiency Project

Skopje – A school housing over 1000 pupils and 55 teachers will be made ready for winter through a practical energy saving project in the Municipality of Saraj, thanks to the American people, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID is part of the U.S. Mission to Macedonia.

“Boris Kidrich” Primary School is the first beneficiary of USAID’s Decentralization Project’s Municipal Good Governance Fund (MGGF). The school building will be renovated: old windows will be repaired or replaced, thermal insulation tape will be installed and the boiler system will be repaired. The Municipality of Saraj is expected to save approximately \$5000 annually on fuel costs.

USAID’s Decentralization Project’s Municipal Good Governance Fund (MGGF) aims to support Macedonian municipalities as they grapple with the realities of decentralization.

“This project will highlight the direct and visible results of the transfer of some of the responsibilities for schools to the local level,” said Dick Goldman, USAID’s Mission Director. “We want to foster citizens’ confidence in their local governments. And engaging the students in the immediate repairs will strengthen their sense of ownership and prompt them to regard the school building as their second home.”

Over XX projects worth XX have been selected through a competitive process for funding through USAID’s Decentralization Project’s Municipal Good Governance Fund (MGGF).

These projects are collaborations between local government officials, non-government organizations and the private sector. For example, the thermal insulation tape will be installed through a youth employment program organized by the Macedonian Center for Energy Efficiency (MACEF) while TIMEL PROJECT Engineering has been contracted to carry out the repair work.

NOTES TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested more than \$400 million in Macedonia since 1993. More than 30 projects worth \$35 million a year are currently being implemented. These projects are designed to support Macedonia’s transition to a free market-based, multi-ethnic democracy. They include initiatives to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and educate citizens for a modern economy. USAID provides economic and

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